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## Man Charged With Rape of Woman in Boyle Heights

A 21-year-old man was charged today after being accused of breaking into a Boyle Heights house, armed with a machete, and raping a woman earlier this month, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Manuel Larios Munoz (9/14/93) was charged with one count each of forcible rape, forcible oral copulation, sexual penetration by foreign object and first-degree residential burglary, person present, in case BA436670. He is expected to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Lowrie Mendoza of the Sex Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

Munoz is accused of breaking into the victim's house shortly after midnight on May 15. The 30-year-old woman woke up and Munoz got on top of her and allegedly sexually assaulted her. He then dressed himself, grabbed the machete from the floor and left the house, the prosecutor said.

If convicted as charged, Munoz faces a possible maximum sentence of 75 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department's Hollenbeck Division.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.